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See MCI v. FCC, 515 F 2d 385 (D.C. Circ 1974).

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**STATEMENT OF FCC CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI  
IN SUPPORT FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BROADBAND ADOPTION ACT**

“I commend Congresswoman Matsui for her continued leadership on ensuring that low-income Americans have access to broadband by addressing one of the key barriers to adoption - cost. As with our other USF reforms, transitioning Lifeline support to 21st century communications is vital: today, broadband is essential for finding jobs, allowing children to do their homework, communicating in times of emergency, and accessing vital health information. In overhauling the Lifeline program last year and setting the program on a path to save over \$2 billion by the end of next year, our bipartisan, unanimous reforms also made greater broadband adoption an express goal for Lifeline and established a pilot program to look at alternative models for supporting it. Our work will complement the legislation introduced today, ensuring that low income Americans are connected while protecting this critical program from waste, fraud, or abuse.”

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